



Letter from the Executive Director:

2009 celebrated Rebuilding Together Aurora's 17th year serving the residents and community of Aurora, Illinois. Since our conception, we have rehabbed over 270 homes in Aurora, engaged over 2,500 volunteers, and invested over \$800,000 directly into the community of Aurora.

This past year has been a truly monumental year for Rebuilding Together Aurora. I am proud to report that in 2009 we were able to serve a record number of families, launch our first-ever year-round repair program, engage more volunteer groups than we ever have before, and hire our first-ever Executive Director. In addition to these wonderful accomplishments, we were able to lead two "special" projects outside of Aurora in collaborative efforts with Rebuilding Together Inc. national sponsors and local non-profits. Thanks to Lowe's for their sponsorship, we successfully put on a handicapped accessible addition to a home for a young Montgomery father who fell out of a tree and became quadriplegic. We also rehabbed Wheaton's Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, as part of Sears Holding's Heroes at Home Program with Rebuilding Together.

As exciting as 2009 has been, it has been a challenging year for RTA and the non-profit sector. We are blessed to have sponsors and supporters who are committed to what we do but the economy is making it harder for businesses, faith-based organizations, and individuals to monetarily donate to charitable causes. Furthermore, contractors are having a much more difficult time donating their services in this economy. We have worked very hard to seek new funding sources to counteract the decreases in giving and will continue to do so as our country works to overcome this recession.

The economy has also provided us with the largest applicant pool we have ever seen. More than ever before, we are seeing the need for Rebuilding Together Aurora's services for the low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities in our community. We are the only answer many of these families have when it comes to providing essential home repairs.

With all this in mind, we have big goals for 2010. We plan to first and foremost, serve as many families as possible. To do this, we hope to expand and improve our newly launched Year-Round Handyman Program and to sustain our April Rebuilding Event Program at its current capacity of 30-35 homes. The root of these efforts will be working to increase in-kind support so that we are able to continue to stretch every donated dollar we receive.

Thanks to the general AmeriCorps grant program offered through our national office, we will also sustain our staff capacity with 1 full-time Executive Director and 1 full-time AmeriCorps Member. This will allow us to remain a full-time effort dedicated to program management, development, and outreach.

We are extremely proud of the 2009 accomplishments shared through this Annual Report. We look forward to achieving even more in the future.

Sincerely,
Emily Stern
Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Aurora

Our mission is to bring together volunteers and communities to improve the homes of low-income homeowners so that they may live in warmth, safety, and independence.



.....For the first time in 5 years I enjoy taking a long shower in our newly remodeled bathroom, what a heavenly experience. I hope I have the opportunity to spread the word to everyone in Aurora, how proud I am to be a part of a City that cares for all its citizens. Thank you again for this privilege, honor and happiness you brought my family."

-2009 Homeowner

2009 Program Highlights

April Rebuilding Event Program

- Completed large-scale repairs on 27 Homes
- Engaged approx. 600 volunteers
- Partnered with over 32 local businesses and organizations
- Served 72 low-income individuals

Year-Round Handyman Program

- Launched in November 2009
- Partnered with Quad County Urban League's YouthBuild and other local faith-based and civic organizations
- Completed 2 small-scale rehab projects for individuals with disabilities

Special Projects

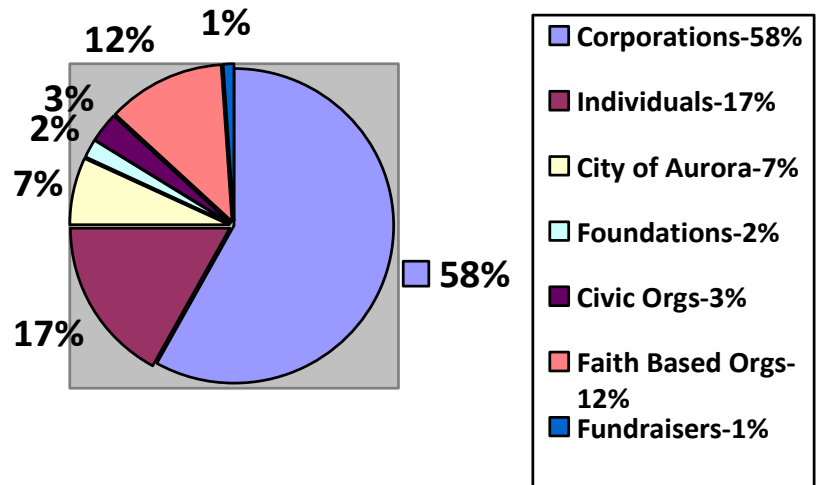
- Completed 4 special projects
- Partnered with Sears Holdings Heroes at Home Program to rehab the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans
- Worked with Lowe's to provide a handicapped accessible home to a Montgomery family
- Partnered with the Aurora Noon Kiwanis to serve a low-income foster mother with 4 children
- Partnered with East Aurora Middle School Magnet Academy to clean up a public park in Ward 2

Program-General

- Rehabbed 31 homes and 1 non-profit facility
- Completed 1 park clean up
- Generated over \$125,000 of in-kind support through the use of skilled and unskilled volunteer labor
- Provided energy efficient upgrades to decrease energy costs for 21 families

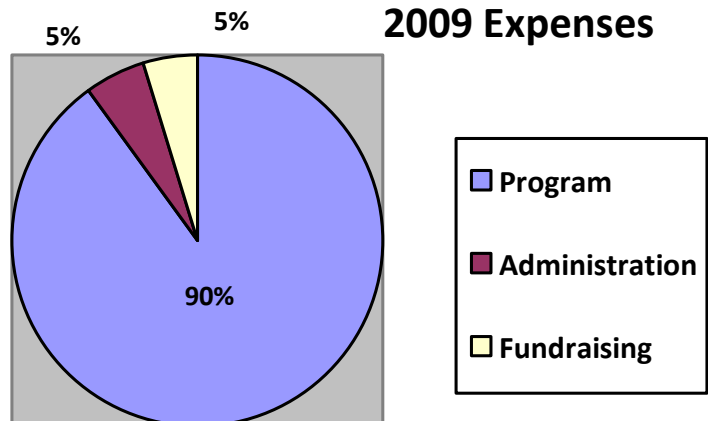
For a full list of our 2009 sponsors and supporters please visit:
www.rebuildingtogetheraurora.com

2009 Charitable Giving



Total 2009 Contributions: \$208,155

2009 Expenses



Total 2009 Expenses: \$191,187

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